

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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where the projecting amount of the high hardness particles increases with the elasticity of the elastic material when a member to be fed is fed, and the projecting amount of the high hardness particles varies according to the pressure applied to the belt from said member, where the pressure applied to the belt from the member varies with the shape or hardness of the member to be fed.

5. (Amended) A feed belt, adapted to feeding members comprising at least one of papers, tickets, bank notes, plastic or paper cards and coins, comprising:

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a base material layer formed of a first elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90;

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a high hardness particle containing layer comprising:

a second elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90;

10 to 70 percent by weight of high hardness particles dispersed throughout the second elastic material, said high hardness particles having a particle diameter of 3 to 300 μm ;

characterized in that the high hardness particles project from a feed surface, where the projecting amount of the high hardness particles increases with the elasticity of at least the second elastic material when a member to be fed is fed, and the projecting amount of the high hardness particles varies according to the pressure applied to the belt by the member, where the pressure applied to the belt from the member varies with the shape or hardness of the member to be fed.